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Mr. Dennis Grams
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region VII
726 Minnesota Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

RE: Monsanto – J. F. Queeny Plant
EPA ID Number MOD004954111

Dear Mr. Grams:

In accordance with Section F of the Corrective Action Schedule of Compliance of Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments Permit Number MOD004954111 issued November 8, 1989, to Monsanto Company for its J. F. Queeny Plant, this letter is to notify the Agency that Monsanto has obtained evidence of a past release or releases of polychlorinated biphenyl's (PCB's) at an area near the northeast corner of its Pilot Plant, WW Building.

A on-going project to install a spill protection system, associated with a major pilot plant expansion, required the excavation of approximately 400 cubic yards of soil. This excavation is near the former location of an electrical transformer substation which was dismantled in . As a routine plant practice, the soil was analyzed to determine the appropriate soil disposal method. The results of the analysis indicate that PCB's are present in the excavated material, in concentrations ranging from approximately 11 to 70 parts per million.

If there are any questions or the need for additional information, please contact either Mr. Robert L. Cheever at {314} 622-1641 or Mr. Gary Vandiver at {314} 694-6768.

Sincerely,



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Plant Manager


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